

The strategic plan outlines the current and future plans for the Town Council for April 2024 - March 2030 **UPDATED 02.01.25**

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Priority objectives						
Ref No	Objective	Timescale	Responsible committee/Clerk	Resourcing/ budget allocation	Current status	Comments
1.1	Find additional burial ground	By 2026	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going review of suitable sites within Lydney
1.2	Create masterplan for regeneration	2027	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through NDP & Masterplan
1.3	Create a 'town square' or community space	2030	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on available sites and cost
1.4	Review Lydney and District Neighbourhood Development Plan	2024	Council	Council Budget: External Grants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer 2024 with various partner agencies and community groups
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Progress delivering our supporting or routine objectives for 2021-2030						
2.1	Continue supporting Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust in its running of Bathurst Park as a beautiful place	Ongoing	Council BPRT	Donation from PRECEPT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year the council provides significant subsidy to the Trust October 2023 installing Sensory Garden: making the park the focus for accessible and sensory equipment
2.2	Continue supporting the Recreation Trust in its running of the Recreation ground as a sports ground and recreation area	Ongoing	Council and Lydney Recreation Trust	Donation from PRECEPT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council / Trust is reviewing play equipment provision in both Trust lands, currently investigating a new skate park Every year the council provides significant subsidy to the Trust
2.3	To continue maintaining public roadside verges and areas of public open space within our control	Ongoing	Amenities committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has grounds team permanently employed to work on these and other areas
2.4	To provide appropriate number of litter bins, dog poo bins and grit bins / salt bins across town	Ongoing with periodic review of	Amenities committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviews requests for additional provision which, if agreed,

		additional provision				emphasis campaigns for public to take dog waste home “Any bin will do!” Campaigns
2.5	Implement environmentally friendly working practices in everything the council and trusts do	Ongoing	Council and Amenities Committee Linked to Biodiversity Policy	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking to replace fossil fuel vehicles with electric vehicles when replacement is due, subject to suitable appropriate availability Enhance and expand biodiversity on council and trust land Wildflower planting in the park, Trust land and roadside verges Promotion of various ‘waste reduction’ schemes
2.6	Continue to provide allotments to serve the needs of our community	Ongoing	Council and Amenities Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allotment site located June/July 2023 but not suitable due to contamination issues. Review allotment costs in coming years 2024/25
2.7	Continue to provide the cemetery to serve the needs of the community	Ongoing	Council and Burials Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing cemetery will run out of space for new plots within approximately 10 years To locate appropriate burial site within Lydney boundaries
3	Environmental					
3.1	Floral town	Ongoing	Amenities Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to enhance floral displays in and around town Wildflower/Wildlife areas to be introduced/replanted/maintained as appropriate
3.2	Wildlife corridors & Walkways	Ongoing	Amenities Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional litter bins to be purchased/added to LTCs collection schedule as necessary. Dog Fouling Bins to be purchased (as deemed appropriate), signage to be erected.

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for “Any Bin will Do!” for dog waste
3.3	Lydney renewable energy plan / Lydney air quality management	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to establish (in line with NDP). • Consideration to be given by Planning Committee/Trusts (as appropriate) when considering all new applications.
3.4	Promote tourism in / around Lydney	Ongoing	LTC Wye valley tourism/ Gloucestershire Market Town Forum (GMTF)	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote FoDDC Hub to businesses
4	Culture					
4.1	Town events	Ongoing	Amenities Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with existing event promotional groups. • To establish a regular events programme within Lydney; businesses encouraged to participate/sponsor.
4.2	Annual Christmas event / light turn on	Ongoing	Amenities Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration to be given toward purchasing, year on year, additional lighting features, Tree and planning a suitable Christmas event.
5	Sustainability					
5.1	Flood defence meetings	Ongoing	LTC / Stakeholder Group	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to monitor/address flood risk to Lydney. • Stakeholder meetings continue
5.2	Walking and cycle paths	Ongoing	Lydney Links / Parkend to Lydney Cycle Route Partnership	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further LTCs aim for safe cycle/pedestrian links to exist in and around Lydney; promoting health, sustainability and tourism. • To participate/facilitate further debate, as appropriate

5.3	Lydney's Community Emergency Plan	Ongoing	LTC / FODDC LTC/EA/Stakeholders	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the Community Emergency Plan is updated (<i>as appropriate</i>) and submitted to FODDC. To ensure the Plan is updated as necessary and to liaise with EA concerning rain gauge electronic updates.
6	Transport					
6.1	Bus link	Ongoing	Planning & Highways Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to work with Developers / FODDC / GCC & Partners to ensure that there is an adequate bus link between Lydney and surrounding housing developments.
6.2	Railway	Ongoing	Planning & Highways Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to work closely with Network Rail to enhance Lydney Station / Car Park area, increasing commuter and leisure parking provision.
6.3	Parking restrictions within the town	Ongoing	Planning & Highways Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTC to monitor local trade/general sustainability within Lydney and report accordingly to FODDC.
6.4	Speeding / anti-social behaviour	Ongoing	Planning & Highways Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTC to work with partner organisations to reduce speeding in the town.
7	Communication					
7.1	Website	Ongoing	Clerk	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor/update as deemed appropriate.
8	Finance					
8.1	Explore funding opportunities	Ongoing	Council /Staff	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to monitor/explore funding streams in line with LTC proposed projects (and those of the Trust's).

8.2	Create and promote sponsorship opportunities	Ongoing	Council /Staff	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote sponsorship opportunities; encouraging business involvement with Trusts, planting/events within the town.
8.3	Grants provided by council to support and encourage cultural events within the town	Ongoing	Finance & Scrutiny Committee.	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee will continue to award grants based upon the benefit such affords local residents. All grant applications to be considered against the set, prescribed criteria (Application Form available via the website)
9	Planning and Housing					
9.1	S106 contributions	Ongoing	Planning & Highways Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor / play an active part in engaging developers in early discussions re. S106 contributions.
10	Education / youth provisions					
10.1	Education provision within Lydney	Ongoing	Council Amenities Committee	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build links with local schools/youth groups via the Youth Engagement Forum.
11	Community / citizenship					
11.1	Community spirit / citizenship	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote community cohesion and citizenship.
12	Sports and health					
12.3	Park run	Ongoing	Council (& LRT)	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to support the regular 'Park Runs' held on land owned/managed by LTC in its 'custodial' capacity.
13	Training / Personal Development					
13.1	Improving knowledge	Ongoing	Council / employees	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To commit to attending training sessions (both externally and internally) in order to effectively fulfil the role of councillor/LTC support staff. Linked to Civility & Respect Award

13.2	Risk mitigation	Ongoing	Council/ Office and Ground Staff	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To attend relevant training in order to ensure the Council's ongoing compliance in all areas e.g., Risk Assessments, H&S as well as Personal Development
14	Encouraging a dynamic and sustainable economy for Lydney					
14.1	Economic development					
14.1.1	Develop a sustainable economy for Lydney					
	Develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan which also focuses on the economic development of the town/surrounding area and how this impact on the district as a whole.	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NDP Plan in development 2024 review date
	Establish and develop further on-going network/stakeholder relations (to include): Lydney's local businesses, GMTF, Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Forest of Dean DC, Gloucestershire County Council, local Voluntary and Charitable Trusts	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTC to attend Forest Economic Partnership meetings LTC to attend Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum LTC to strengthen ties with local sports clubs
14.2	Boost the identity of the town					
14.2.1	Public Rights of Way Map	Ongoing	Clerk	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with GCC Public Rights of Way Officer.
14.3	Help the local economy become resilient, self-reliant and sustainable					

14.3.1	Provide adhoc advice to other Parish /Town Councils and continue to foster/build strong networks	Ongoing	Council/ Staff Team	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To 'assist' other Parish/Town Council's as/where possible and to discuss/further the advantages of 'clustering Supporting other Forest towns and parishes
15	Create a vibrant participatory community					
15.1	Encourage community groups to take the lead					
15.1.1	Extend the capacity of LTCs grant budget					
	Work in partnership with the Lydney's 'not for profit' organisations to provide a valuable community service	Ongoing	Council Various Partnerships	Council Budget External Grants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTC have committed to fund Community Project
15.2	Make the best of the town's greenspaces					
15.2.1	Develop a town-wide Strategic Policy for open spaces and play facilities					
	Mapping of all green spaces and walkways including corridors of diversity	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of PEAR Mapping
	Explore innovative ways of protecting open spaces e.g., Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge and asset transfer	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BHP registered 2013 – Completed Green flag award – 2016-17. Update May 2018: In September 2016 Trustees resolved to defer submission for assessment until after completion of ironworks.
	Support community 'natural play' & wildlife project at Bathurst Park	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust/Council review of Project - Ongoing Update May 2018: Bird boxes installed in BHP Conservation area May 2016.
15.2.2	Improve skate and bike facilities across town					

	Support community led skate park project improvements	Ongoing	Council LRT	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support LRT in its skatepark project • Using social media to promote skatepark
	Support community led Cycle Routes Initiatives	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with GCC regarding initiatives
15.2.3	Promote increased tree planting					
	Identify public areas for the provision of trees	Ongoing	Council/Grounds Team	Council Budget External funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional trees /planting required for street scene improvements – Ongoing: • Centurion Way Trees planting 2023 project
15.2.4	Support and promote the work of community groups with shared aims					
	To embrace 'partnership' working in order to promote social cohesion and add value to community schemes	Ongoing	Council/ Staff	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage/facilitate community cohesion & partnership working
15.3	Maintain the town character whilst encouraging sustainable growth					
15.3.1	Protect green 'open spaces' / Wildlife Corridors	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once adopted the plan will form basis of advocacy work to promote/enforce policies. • Bio Diversity Policy
15.4	Help the local householders become resilient, self-reliant and sustainable					
15.4.1	Support new developments with good eco and climate credentials and seek to mitigate flood risk	Ongoing	Council/ Staff	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensify work on promoting good applications and highlighting bad ones
15.5	Build on the range of facilities and activities available locally					
15.5.1	Encourage sports clubs and organisations to work together to share facilities and costs					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2023 LRT Leases being renewed with various sporting groups

	Work to provide each club with a lease on land managed by LTC/Charitable Trusts	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		
	Promote awareness between groups and local people/promote each in Council's Newsletter	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing projects on youth groups, cultural quarter, green energy groups, support for older people lacking
15.6	Support the town's arts scene					
15.6.1	Help facilitate events with resources, project management expertise, use of land and fundraising etc	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support given where possible
15.7	Community involvement					
15.7.1	Explore and encourage community engagement					
	Representation on external bodies and organisations	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allocate councillors to external bodies and organisations, as appropriate.
16	Enhancing a thriving town centre					
16.1	Managing the town centre – change to improve the town centre					
16.1.1	Improve the town centre					
	Provide vibrant and sustainable floral planting throughout the year	Ongoing	Council	Amenities Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floral Displays will focus on town centre / Gateway Displays. Volunteers will be encouraged to join the group/eventually take over the running of the group with a view to entering the 'in bloom' competitions
	Proactively manage the public realm including notice boards, illegal advertising, the less accessible	Ongoing	Council	Amenities Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-modelling project -to be introduced to upgrade old noticeboards Additional notice boards to be purchased/erected as required; street

	areas and street obstructions (e.g., voluntary codes for A boards)					cleansing contract to be monitored and enhanced by LTC intervention if need be.
16.1.2	Encourage GCC Highways to implement/ensure appropriate resurfacing in and around the town centre i.e., potholes addressed in a timely fashion	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain a good working relationship with GCC County Highways Continue to have quarterly meetings with Highways to flag issues of concern.
16.2	Improving the range of shopping facilities					
16.2.1	Encourage appropriate developments to enhance the diversity of the shops					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bio Diversity Plan
16.3	Environmental threshold					
16.3.1	Review and improve street furniture and signage in the town centre	Ongoing	Council	Amenities Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress as part of TC re-modelling and a focus for the Town Centre Working Party
16.3.2	Environmental services i.e., grass cutting, weed control, litter picking, potholes etc	Ongoing	Council	Amenities Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor/address as necessary
16.3.3	Work in partnership with environmental volunteers i.e., litter picking, river cleansing, education etc	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Project – FODDC Street Wardens to implement. Update May 2018: LTC arranging Annual Community Litter Pick.
16.4	Freedom of movement around the town centre					
16.4.1	Explore how pedestrian accessibility and safety in the town centre can be improved	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routes to be identified, promotion of them is required, this will include between green spaces, housing estates, the railway station and the town centre. May 2018: LTC to promote enforcement of town 20mph speed limit. Amey Highways

						<p>notified of need to install additional roundels to ensure legal validity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2023: 20mph Zones marked on High Street and speed cameras identifying speed above 20mph have been installed.
16.4.2	Work with the FODDC/GCC Highways on reducing the travel of heavy goods vehicles through the town	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorry Watch to be reinstated every couple of months
17	Ensuring Effective Public and Voluntary Services					
17.1	Ensuring value for money / continued 'local' service provision					
17.1.1	Form excellent relationships with FODDC and GCC including the pathfinder initiative to deliver joint objectives	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible new LTC offices to be third sector hub?
17.1.2	Establish an information hub / one stop shop for Lydney information	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Such a move would improve the dissemination of info and would improve Lydney's public services • Update May 2018: Possibility still being explored. Looking at options for central Lydney location.
18	Ensuring an Innovative and Supporting Town Council					
18.1	Review the purpose, role and effectiveness of the Town Council	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to continual challenge the Status Quo; monitor its capacity and capabilities and adjust as appropriate.
	Undertake staff and accommodation review to ensure fit for purpose	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular staff appraisals and training in place, alongside accommodation requirements and equipment
	Ensure that all decisions made by LTC are considered against	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical Framework adopted and applied

	sustainability and environmental impact					
	Ensure that all decisions made by LTC are considered against financial, risk / legal implications	Ongoing	Council	Council Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed at least annually; use Internal/External Auditors, professional advice, GAPTC and SLCC for specific advice as necessary